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SUBJECT: FADA N'GOURMA ROAD

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH MINFINANCE GARANGO FEB 28, CHARGE DISCUSSED FADA ROAD ISSUE IN CONTEXT GENERAL QUESTION OF US CONGRESSIONAL ACTION IN MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR AID. POINTED OUT THAT ON ONE HAND, CONGRESS HAD APPROVED DOLS 25 MILLION FOR SAHEL AND SEEMS LIKELY APPROVE DOLS 50 MILLION ADDITIONAL. REFERRED TO SUBSTANTIAL FOOD AID PROVIDED BY USG IN RESPONSE DROUGHT EMERGENCY, LIKELIHOOD USG WOULD PROVIDE DOLS 2 MILLION THIS YEAR FOR ONCHOCERCIASIS CONTROL, AND UPWARD TREND OF TOTAL ANNUAL US AID TO UPPER VOLTA. HOWEVER, SAID THAT RECENT LEGISLATION WHICH SO FAVORABLE TO SAHEL COUNTRIES DID, ON OTHER HAND, CUT FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE SO DRASTICALLY THAT EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT USG WOULD BE ABLE FINANCE FADA-NIAMEY ROAD. GARANGO PROTESTED, BUT BECAUSE OF BUILD-UP, HE SEEMED TAKE BAD NEWS ABOUT FADA ROAD REASONABLY WELL.

2. DAKOURE HAS BEEN ABSENT FOR PAST WEEK AT LGA MEETING IN BAMAKO, AND WE HAD NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS FADA ROAD WITH HIM BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE. HE (AND NIGERIEN COUNTERPART) WILL DOUBTLESS HAVE RE-

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CEIVED FULL STORY FROM SAMAKE, AND WE MAY HAVE DIFFI-

CULT SESSION WITH DAKOURE AFTER RETURN. WILL ATTEMPT
USE SAME SOFTENING-UP TACTICS AS ON GARANGO.
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